

These women - Jessie Wood
Mother - Rebecca Brown
Mother died of Consumption
when Mrs. Brown was
a girl - She was formerly
an Elder in the Church a very
available woman - She
remained much longer
than a clear intellect
a highly religious woman
took an active part in
church & social work much
of her life.

De Land, Florida

May 11, 1897-

10:30 A.M.

Mrs. Shiner in her reclining chair,
business room - 14 wks ago tonight
she met with an injury by falling
on the stone ^{cement} walk on south
west-side, just at dusk. Unable
to step since -

Bright-clear day - Windows
& doors open -

Miss Gordon just recovering
from severe illness - dysentery.

Mr. & Mrs. Hazen left for
Lynn about two wks ago -

Born in Milton, Saratoga Co.
N. Y. - Aug - 21, 1826 -

Frances A. Wood -

Father's name - Jesse Wood

Mother's - Rebecca Bryan

~~Your~~ Mother died of Consump-
tion when Mrs. Skinner was
in his old - She was consider-
ed by Elder Powell as a very
remarkable woman - She
possessed much force of
character, a clear intellect
and a highly religious nature
she took an active part in
meetings & spoke with much
ease & intelligence -

Giles Slocum - cousin of Mrs S.
He had an Aunt on his father's
side (His relationship to Mrs -
Shinner was on the mother's
side) who was stolen when
a child by Indians - not
found till a woman, then
the wife of a chief - refused
to return to her relatives.

Mrs. Shinner named Frances
after a half sister of Mr -
Slocum & ~~she~~ she was named
after this one who was
the wife of the chief.

When Mrs. Shinner's sister,
the eldest child was about
a yr - old, her father &
mother went "west" - that
is to Onondaga Co - Several
days in going (Central or
towards the ~~west~~ of state)

my worked 10 yrs on the
farm he bought & then
found he had an
imperfect title & was
obliged to abandon the
land - went back -
took care of parents (that
is of Mr Wood) They as-
sumed the debts, paid
of other heirs. Mrs Wood
wished to go west again
but they remained on
the homestead - Mrs -
Shinner was ^{not} born till
ten years after her
parents returned to
Milton. Mrs. S., the
youngest of the family -
there were three brothers
Jewell, Falmadge Bryant,
and Lewis. There were
between the two sisters -

Howell died when 17 or 18 of
fever. - Talmadge was killed
by Indians in California.

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part of "Whitman Expedition"

Childhood. When a little tot her
mother was going away & she cautioned
the girl to look after the goslings &
if it rained. Little Frank felt the
responsibility of the young family
& so thinking it might rain
gathered the little brood under
a pan that used to belong to the
baking utensils & the fireplace
discarded since stoves were in
vogue. With great difficulty the
little care taker gathered the brood
under the pan. When her mother
returned her mother inquired
about the goslings. Oh, I have taken care of them
say little Frank.

Memorandum

A menagerie with various
variations was announced
for Milton or ~~over~~ town near.
Mrs S - very anxious to go, but
they feared it would not be
considered quite the thing.
The family hesitated - By & by
Deacon No. 1 of the Bapt-
Church came on his way
to the show, he followed
by No 2 & then 3 with families.
Sister Elder Powell followed
suit - There was no longer
any question - "Frank" went
to the show.

Went to ~~sweep~~ engage help for
her sister - inquired of Aunt
Sarah — She planted her
elbows on the fence & said
"There aint any girls now-
days; they are all ladies" —

Mrs. S's parents went when
young with two of their children
to western N.Y. — winter land. Cleared
made a home — Mother very delicate
Mrs. Nash, a child then, the principal
helper, — Ten years passed & then
the title proved not good
& all was lost. They went back
to the old home & took care of
the father & mother. They lived
comfortably, but there was
still \$1000 unsettled claim of
other heirs when the father died &
estate was settled.

Childhood Went to school
at $2\frac{1}{2}$ for the "fundit" & would
go home to her mother at
recess & return -

In the habit of having much
play time with another little
girl. Teacher came to think
the other who was older should
remain in ~~school~~ longer -

Mrs. Shiner allowed to go out
alone - This interfered with
the teter they had been having
to Little Frank (Mrs. S-) reported
to expedients for having her
teter - There was an old
ten plate "stove near the
teter - The child dragged
some of the loose plates on
to the board at one end
then put herself on the other
end & tetered to her heart's
content - The teacher finding
he did not come in

for some time looked out to
see what had become of her &
smiled as she saw the expectant
she had resorted to. Little
Frank watched her face till
she saw the smile, then felt
sure she was not to be en-
sured & continued to enter
in high glee -

When very young there was
part of the time a woman
in charge - Frank was
inclined to be mischievous
so she & one of the boys was
tied to the school masters
wrist by a handkerchief &
led about as he moved -
At other times she sat by
him on the flat form &
now & then he would
slip a bit of licorice, &
which she was very fond,
into her hand. On another
occasion she had been
in some mischief & he

penman in more awe & made
as if he was going to throw
her head first into the fire
She begged energetically &
made profuse promises of
good behavior & was put
down again.

She seems to have never
been much punished. Her
father once seized prepa-
rations to use a switch & she
ran away from him &
though ~~she~~ appeared again
in the field where this
happened she was never
~~punished~~ punished by him. She
had her own way with little
remonstrance.

Mr. S. did not play with dolls
because she wanted something
alive - She had various ani-
mals to play with - Cats un-
numbered - Used to make
clothes for her cat - She trained
a calf so she could steer it
after a fashion with lines &
she used to hang it - draw her
about on her ^{back} ~~little sled~~ - she
~~would drive the calf over the~~
~~ground~~

Greatly enjoyed mittens. Would
like to button her brother's jacket
on & go with them for chestnuts
She earned part of the
money she used in ^{going to} school by
selling mitts & geese down -

was sent at seven to a course
in Milton (Ct) to school. She does not
quite understand why sent so
young. Dreadfully homesick as well,
when sent at eleven - Cried daily
Thinks there is nothing equal to
homesickness to make one
miserable - Was in Stillwater
Academy at eleven - Feltner
Richards - afterwards first
pres. of National Teachers Assn -
was at the head of the school -
Taught seven terms in between
going at eleven & about eighteen
Kept house for her father on her
return the first time - Went to
Albany Normal in the early
twenties. Worked tremendously
here - Graduated in a year -

Running - I never remember my father punishing me". The nearest to this seems on one occasion, when a little child she went to the field & asked her father for the horse sick. She had held the reins long before she could touch her feet to the floor of the carriage - Father said "No" - She was insistent - still "No" was the Ans - Finally her father told her to go to the house - She went a short distance away & returned with the same request. He seized a corn stalk & started towards her as though he would use it over her - She disappeared!

Her mother would not hasten with her reprimand but take her out in the orchard to a particular tree & talk with her over her misdeeds till as she expressed it she came to feel "it would be a privilege to be punished". Having administered the punishment the mother knelt down with the little girl & prayed most earnestly for her. The mother died when little Francis was ten, but the lessons were never forgotten.

her nurse for her father when eleven-
When 12 or 13 their family physician
was ill sometime & finally died. Her
feelings were much wrought
upon. She wished to show in
some way her interest so she
reflected that there would perhaps
be strangers there & people around
eat under all distressing
circumstances so she baked for
rolls, pies & cake & a long
laundry basket full & sent to
her afflicted neighbor.

"With never a dollar of aid in
said enterprise to exceed twelve
hundred dollars & that was
exhausted by a board of trustees
who held control for a little
more than one yr -"

May 10/98

Mrs. S. to Mrs. Root.

"Two young women set out to
found an institution with the
combined capital of Eighty Dollars"

Janesville - The terminus of R.R. -¹⁸⁷⁵
When she went west. There had been
very heavy rains. The roads were
in a very bad condition. The
stage was reported as breaking
down repeatedly. They waited
several days in J. - & finally
~~took~~^{hired} a livery team and drove
to Mt. C. - Road ~~indescribable~~

75. Took the first Sewing
machine to Mr. C. That
was ever there - A great
curiosity.

Wm. W. W.

used to attend school at 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ yrs -
Went home at recess for her
luncheon - Was sent away
at seven - gone one yr - , was
at a public school in Ball
Town then. Augustus O. Smith,
the Prin - , ~~he married a~~
Cousin of Mrs S - , a sister of
Busin Dave - . Was put in
his family & went to school
to him - Went home but once
during the whole yr - , only
12 miles from Mullon Centre,
where was her home -

She was so home sickness
tried every day, so home
sick -

When 10th 11 was sent to the
Academy at Stillwater
Saradoga Co - Prof. Richards,
prin - Began studying
Watts on the Mind -

Here was in class with Prof -

Elder
Charles
Cross
Jr
Ballston
opened
Mt Palatine
Acad

Gourmand - Studied Algebra
at Philas & when Eleven -
Went back home at close of yr -
when not yet twelve yrs of age
kept house for her father -
Her mother died a yr - before
she went away - Sister Erolis
kept house for a yr - then
married Mr. Nash
Father rented the farm to
a cousin & he & son boarded
with the Cousin. Neither her
nor his was a success, so
her father was more willing
to yield to her entreaties to
keep house for him -
Aunt Patty Benedict - "across
the street" promised to
help the child - "Old Lady
Mann, on the other side
took great interest in
her housekeeping & every
now & then called to see
how she was doing. Her

Mrs. S - was talking of going to
different churches when a child &
Gordie remarked "you were not a
Baptist because you were not
taught anything else" & she
replied - "I was died in the
wool all the same" -

Used to take hold of her father's
hand and walk to the Episcopal
Church - Liked to go there for
they had a great bass viol that
reached above ^{her} head -

Attended the ^{Episcopal} ~~Episcopal~~ ^{Presbyterian}
Church sometimes - When
the weather was bad - her
mother would go to Pres -
Church instead of Bap - three
miles away -

The silk hangings & very
high pulpit with sounding
board of Epis - Ch - attracted -

The best of all when Elder
Powell "used to come to
make his pastoral visits" -

Her faith in him gave her a
preference for the Bap. Ch -

The rector of the Epis - Ch - used
to have a fox pig that followed
him with his pastoral calls

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The mention of Cousin Dave "always
suggests good natured, dry humor
Mrs. Shimer very fond of him.
He used to tease her about a distant
connection of the family whom
used he visited - She inquired
after Frances Ann - "Frances
Ann said Cousin Dave, who
is she - Why Frances Ann
Wood - Sister of Cousin
Caroline Wood - Oh! ~~that~~ "Frank"
They call her Frank - She
likes to be called that -
"She does", was the reply,
She's not so wise as I thought
she was" -

Robert H. Moore, Supt of
schools had noticed Miss S - in her
school work as teacher. He voluntarily
obtained her an appointment
at the N. Y. Normal - She felt
she walked on air when she found
she was going. Mr Moore had ^{was} been
editor of a Co. paper & a man
of considerable local influence

Early Sunny Days - Help -
Stupid workman was driving
off grounds with another serv-
ing temporarily. Nip Wood,
Gregory & Kibbard were in the
office and one was near window.
The transient says to the
other "What do you suppose
them women do all day
long" — Oh! I suppose they
look at themselves in the glass

Katey - Mrs. S. ; then Nip
Wood was visiting her sister.
Mrs. Ash. A buxom Irish
girl just over. Came to Mrs.
S. because of a relative
there - Nip Wood took a fancy
to her & finally engaged
her to go to visit C. & D. as laundry.
She served faithfully for a
year and something more.
She occasionally went to

Keefort, the nearest place
to a priest, to have her sins
disposed of - The priest told
her she ought - to marry &
promised to find her a
man - Soon after the
priest was in N.C. - stopping
with one of the Cth - Ch -
* with him was a man
no longer very young
who was seeking a wife -
Soon arrangements were
made & Katy promised to
wed him the next morn-
ing. All this had been
kept very quiet - Early Monday
morning Katy appeared
at Nip Woods door & said
she wished to see her on
business very important.
Nip W. promised to see
her in the office as soon
as she went down -
Upon entering she found

Katy ready - I went to consult
John - & soon by dint of question-
ing Miss W. - obtained the in-
formation just given - Miss Wood
soon told her that advice
seemed unnecessary - & soon
learned that Katy had already
been to Mrs Hurley's & borrowed
a black silk gown & crape shawl
to be married in. Kate
returned to Sam after the
marriage - She had no
intention of marrying without
a trousseau - except those a
black silk gown so Miss
Gregory & Hubbard entered
into the case very heartily
& soon a black silk was
chosen & they helped make
it up - In due time, the
newly married groom
came to Mr C - for his
bride. Kate met him
at the gate & sent him
down town - He was not in

entrance attire to suit
his new wife. He took
his wife's trunk to Keuford &
left her to ride in the stage.
This was her wedding trip.
The husband was a sturdy,
well to do farmer - an
Irishman - They had
plenty & later she sent
word to Mrs. Shimer that
she rode in her carriage
& carried her own
furse just - she - Miss
Wood, used to do -
Time went on & the husband
departed this life - The
widow had remained
one ~~a~~ suitable time then
she went to V. & C. - to visit -
her old place of work - Mrs.
Shimer did what she
could to make the visit
pleasant. Kate seemed
to have something on
her mind, but did not

reach the point of crossing her
till they were near the depot -
Mrs. S. was taking her in
her phaeton. She, Kate, was
considering matrimony again -
The sequel showed that she
married the German who
was running ~~the~~ her farm -
Whether wisely or unwisely no
later news tells us -

Childhood - Attended district
school & kept house at 11 -
Often "Old Lady Mann" would
call & her father would tell
of her exploits and give the
visitor a piece of Frank's pie
or cake -
Teacher boarded with her
for her time - Took great
pride in keeping house so
well she should wish to
board with

Teaching - People had
heard what she did when
at the Academy so thought
she might teach the children
in summer - July 14 -
Squire Wheeler the examiner
said he would prefer to see
her in school so they set
her to teaching & "Squire
Wheeler" spent a half
day in school - Went home

with her & wrote the certificate
without asking a question.

Later - the last school she
taught - before going to Albany
in Factory Village - Hard
set - Three teachers turned out
by boys winter before - Two of them
even - dumped one man
out in the snow - Squire
Whaler lived in this neighbor-
Saw him frequently as she
passed his house - He showed
great interest - 70 pupils
in school - had a class in
the evening - one came to
her room in the morning.
She used to make pens for
all of this thing & set copies
for them after school as
long as she could see.
Took a hard full home
to finish them -
Never had trouble in
government -

squire or judge Wheeler was
not sup - at this time -
One "Moore" ^{Albert} in charge
He & Wheeler got her appoint-
ment at the Normal at
Albany - This ~~an~~ important
thing - Not easy to "get in" -
Methods were taught - principal
Necessity of previous prepa-
ration - "Had credit of
having best prepared abstracts
in class" - Success in
practice school "decided our
fate" - Never knew till the
last whether or not we
were to have a diploma.
Only a certain number sent
from each county - Must
have good backing - "I was
never more surprised
in my life than when
I read my papers for
the Normal" - I tell you

This taken down as Mrs. S. was told

I walked on air — I think it
was in '48 when I went to town
was rec'd as senior on examin-
ation — an unusual thing
Mary Feltmore & I were rec'd
on first-examination — ^{as Senior One}
Only ones — Mary F —, daughter
of Mrs. Feltmore —

Two others heard of this &
thought — if any one could
enter as seniors they could
as they were graduates of an
Academy — The demand
another examination —
They had private examination
& passed as Senior 2

Surprise not — that she
was admitted to Journal-
No. 2 — that she was ad-
mitted as Senior One —

Above written as Mrs. S —
told Cordie of these days,
June 7/97 — Evening —

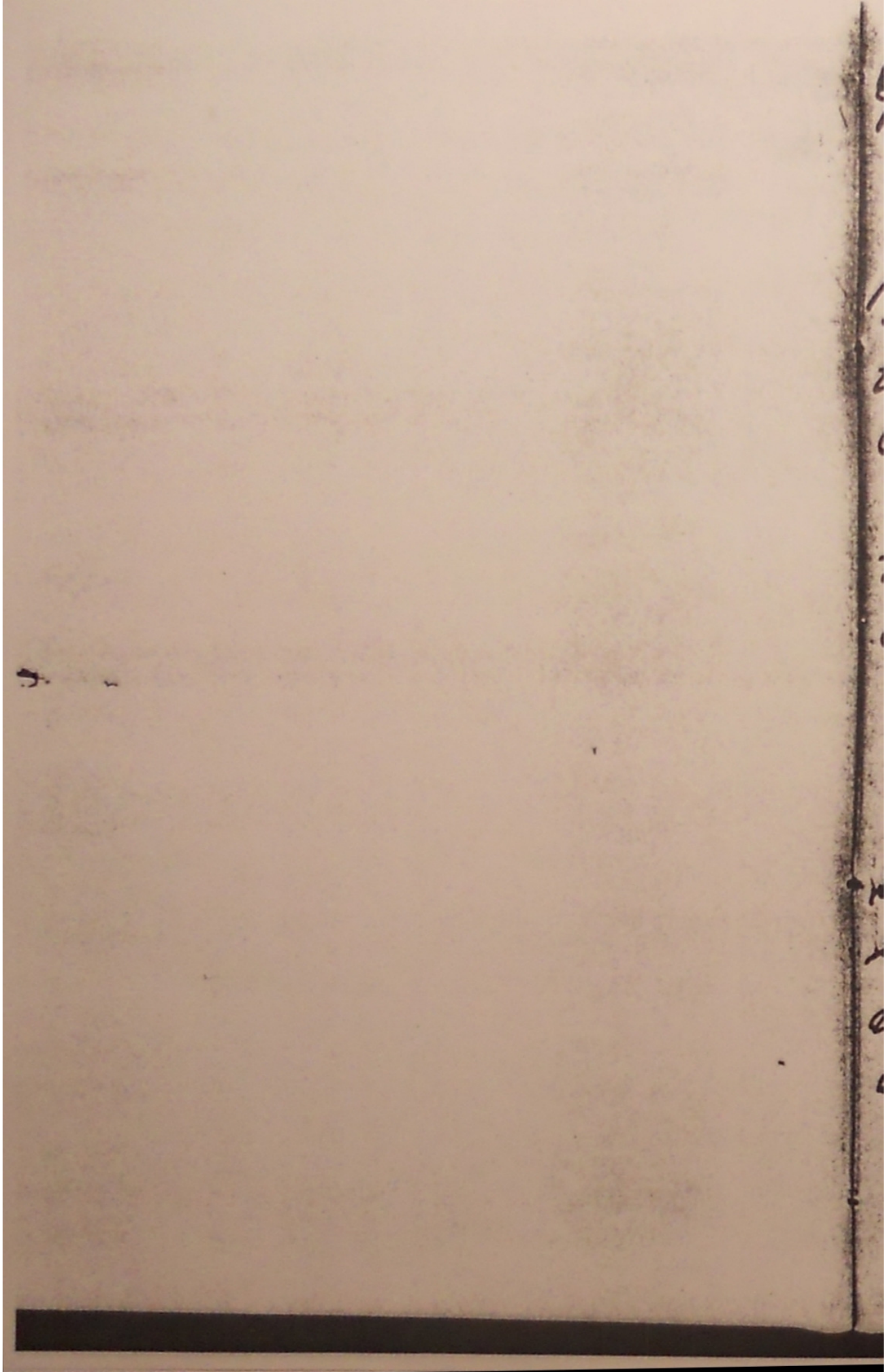
Arrival in N.Y.C. -

Arrived Sunday Morning -
Went from Milton, visited
in Geneva - met Miss G. - here
at her uncle's, Govt. Clarke -
then to Canandaigua - where
her uncle lived. Mr -
Tash met them here -
Mr. A., Miss G. & Mrs. S. - went
west together - to Milwaukee
from Chicago, to N.Y. by boat
From N.Y. to Jansville, Wis.
This as near as one could
get by rail - weather
bound several days at -
Jansville - then at least -
Rain continued though some
let up so they drove about.
Jansville & said the country
Stage run from J. to

Keefort - Roads so bad my
seldom could go without
a break down - how to
pay them out of mind -
Sometimes how to abandon
This was Gray - mind
like tar - Thought - safest
where a livery team -
Mr. R. obtained one that
could take them & trucks -
Drove through Meloit - saw
institute first - they saw
in the west -
Difficultly in finding Mr. C.
Even had trouble at Freeport
to find anyone who knew
where Mr. C. was - The
driver was quite cross.

Required to give off a street - given
Sandy grounds. 110 evergreens to be
erected & hedge also. Suite ensued.

The question as to value was up
& an old farmer having been
called upon to give an estimate
said it would be worth about as
much as other farm land but
with all that "buck" on it, did not
not think it worth much of
anything.



June 29/97 - Old Mrs -
from the poor house here again
with apions to sell - Previously
we had invested, Mrs S - in
particular buying for others -
No one specially needing any
this morning but Mrs. S -
could not bear to send
her off so thought - she would
take two for her "girls" - then
decided to include Neph
Newell, bought three - ^{being} ~~being~~
that Mrs. Bradley is
here at work - washing -
she decides to buy the
~~last~~ - four - I give up
mine & Mrs. B. & C are
supplied - Mrs. - goes
away rejoicing

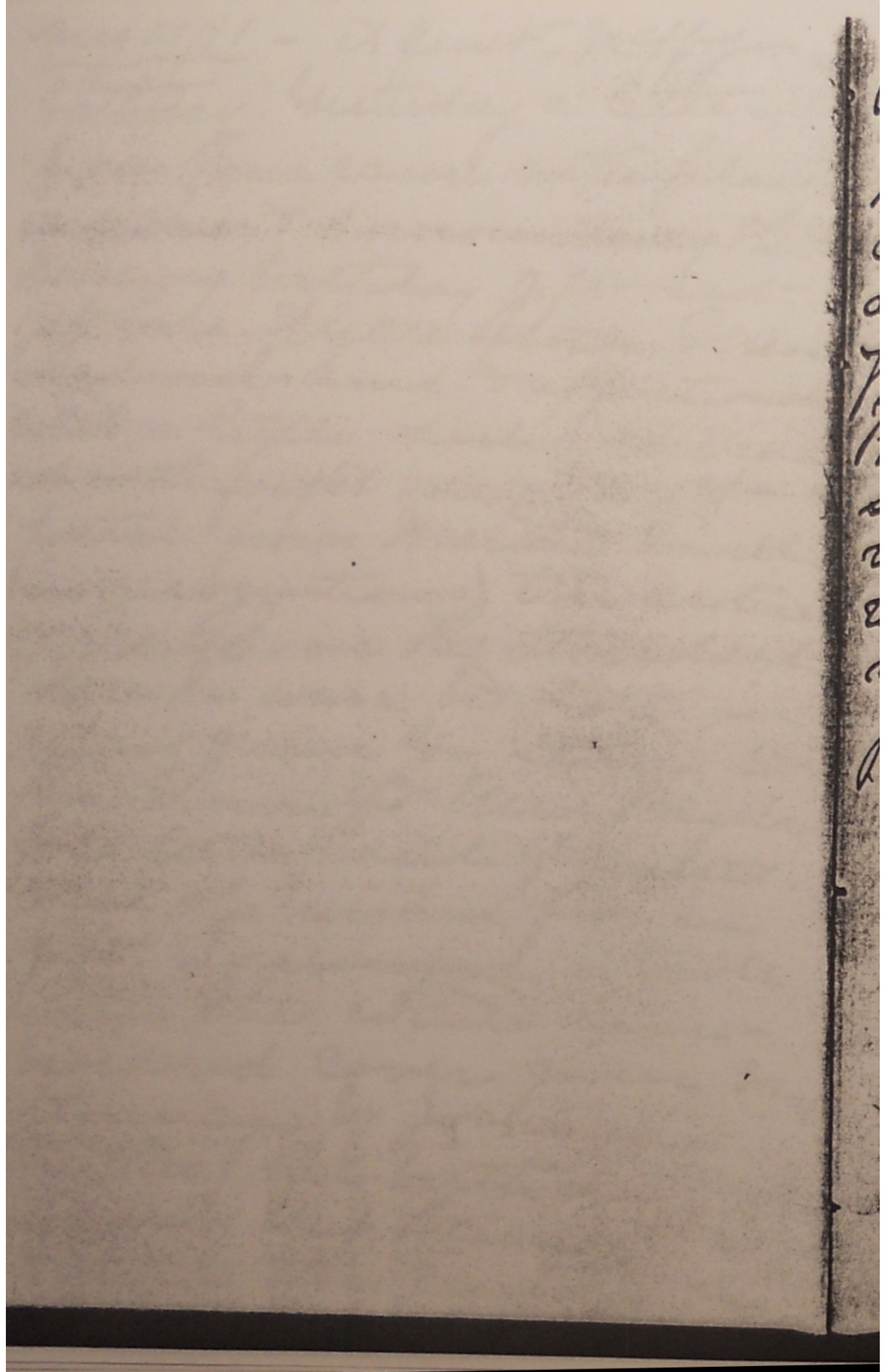
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Miss Mason

Not well some time, but was
taken down at opening of school yr -
Died winter vacation. Mrs. S -
took her east previous sum-
mer & had her examined
Let at Mr. Farnum's, Cousin -
in Hartford - Returned to W.C. -
near the opening - Mrs. S -
took care of her every night -
Up with her many times a
night - Could take her up
like a child - Autopsy showed
tubercles in stomach & bowels -
Great sufferer -

Work - All of work attended
to personally. Only two
pieces of work done by contract
at any time - cisterns & pigg
Sept. 23/97 - Mrs. S. - is now telling
Miss Rasmussen about her cistern.
She had urged the men to
take great pains to press down
the soil firm. Men thought her
unnecessarily particular -
Sure it was all right. But a
great rain came - (It was
near New Years as the work
had been delayed) They caved
in. Mrs. S. - was seldom so
blue as then. She had another
cistern dug & took the earth taken
out & used to put in where
the earth had fallen in. By
this means stayed the walls -
This highly important because
so near the Sewing building.
The cisterns had to wait till
Spring for finishing. The contractor
would take no interest in

The matter - there are nine cisterns
connected together - 13 cisterns in
all. Laid solid brick work & solid
concrete. She could get no one
to help her with this planning for
water supply. A great and continue
anxiety - She wonders if they now
take care of these things. So much
time she has thought - of all these
plans - for water - day earth
classes - &c



July 21/97 Miss Ragsnyder, Miss
Landon & I in the room with
Mrs. Skinner - The question was
asked - If you could have
a gift of power, what would
you choose - different answers
given - Mrs. S. - would have
the power to obtain large
sums of money to use to
help people - & she would
wish to be so good she did
not care whether any one
gave credit or not -

Aug 21/97 - A quiet, happy
birthday. Yesterday a letter
from Nora came with pleas-
ant cheer & announcing the
coming birthday pie - not-
yet here. A letter from Mrs.
Ludwick - kind & affectionate
with a little daisy embroid-
ed with forget me nots - A
postal from Martha Powell
in recognition of the notice
of Mrs. S. - in the Standard.
Mrs. S. - was a bit late in
rising giving 1/2 - time, to
run down to Mrs. Bigelow
for a little hand painted
vase she wished for a
gift. I arranged a table
with the white em-
broidered cover given some
time ago by Joanna.
On this the birthday cake
made by Miss Powell, is
vase in the center - a

tiny glass vase with "rose" on
one corner, Bell's picture,
my gift of china, the letters
of yesterday - Anna's picture
& her cushion of last yr -
with lovely flowers under
neath - It was all pretty
Mr. Lee - brought a lovely
hanging basket which
we put on the desk tem-
porarily - After she was
ready we brought her in -
She was much pleased
& has seemed to have a
great enjoyment of it all
through the day - The
rain has come in
torrents this afternoon
making it so dark we
could not write or read
but affording opportunity
for sitting -

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Sept. 5th Mrs. S. talking with L - tells
of doing cooking at the Seely 6 who
with a deaf & partly dumb girl.
This in '57 just after they had put
on new addition - To save her
self from going to the wall
during this crash she herself
did the work of a man or two
of them - The new addition
was being put on & the times
tightened - Mrs. S - painted,
papered & glazed with her own
hands 40 rooms, helped handle
the brick for the building &
helped to lay the floor -

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Kits - Dec - 5/47.

Mary C - brought over her little mitter
kitten with white vest & white tipped
toes to show Mrs. S-. She took it
in her lap & the little pet cuddled
down in such an affectionate
way Mrs. S- asked M- what she
would take for it - Some joking
at one or two different times
resulted in Mary S- giving
a "silver dollar" for the little
kit. It was a very cunning pet
& C- made as much of it as
Mrs. Shiner, but poor Bob Fitz-
simmons, the pugilistic cat
that had rec'd all the favors of
the household could not bear
it - He was so cross he was un-
bearable - he could not even
stay in the house & would
have nothing to do with
Mrs. Shiner & Mrs. S- could
not bear this. Her sympathies
were aroused for the kitten

mar was miserable. she
tried in vain to reconcile him
to the condition of things. It was
no use so she gave her dollar
kitty away - Mrs. Lee E - thinks
it the greatest treasure she
has just now & Rob is becoming
reconciled now to his home
& its inmates

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Beginnings — Paid a $\frac{9}{100}$

Got a big Currant bush - Spaded
the ground herself for the cutting
It was divided many times &
she had a long row of currants -

— Mrs. Frohock had a straw
berry bed. She went to her &
they together took up plants.
Mrs. F. went with her to Seely
& helped her & they together care
fully set out the first straw
berry ~~bush~~ bed -

Of the work in setting the Orchard
on Lermy. grounds. For some reason
or other there was need for taking
special care with planting - think
the trees had been delayed in
coming. Mrs. S. in speaking of it
said I worked out all day in a
drenching rain to set those trees on

Impressions made upon others

Bell's remark of the manner
of people in Boston boarding
house - seem to recognize
in Mrs. S. - an unusual
person -

Mechanic - intelligent -
superior in his line - remarked
casually to Jay in Dec. - Jan '98
"She has great vitality - a wonder
ful woman" - We were not
discussing her qualities at
the time - It was a voluntary
remark -

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Mrs. Shinner has just had the grove she first bought from Mr. Hull all grubbed out - The grove cost her \$5000 in cash 15 yrs ago & had cost much more before the freeze. It had thrived or more in value & was Mrs. Shinner's pride. Last week it was all grubbed out. It cost her over 100 to get these roots out! The land is of the value of land just cleared & that means very little now. The "Co" is to be largely grubbed out. Mrs. S. has come to this decision after careful thought & investigation. She has not shown any despondency but is full of plans for the future. Mr. Cannon says that helpless as she is she is ^{at} least four ordinary business men. I do not know of anyone more plucky one.

the lamentable situation than
she - She is investigating every
new thing presented & bent on
finding some way out. Her faith
in Florida is unshaken though
her sympathies are stirred by the
distress of the many who have lost.

Mar. 11 - Mr. May is at work for
Mrs S - "10" has been grubbed over
now "60" too - Mrs S. is corresponding
with everybody & every one
who has any information she
wants about her work. A prisoner
on her chair she is spending
with great vigor the work she
is having done - She has had
trees put out on the "home place"
& the whole put in order - She is
having Cassara planted par-
ticularly to help the industry. She
is the first to put out camphor
trees. She thinks & plans with
the life & interest of the past -
She is just trying to walk a

me - yesterday. she managed
to push her chair into the
front window & back. This for
support. When back she said
cheerily "did I make good time"

Apr - 4 - The ^{large} trees on Fiddis have been
cut down & today there on the place
is - This work is wearing on
Mrs. S - . Yesterday & today has had
trouble with her heart. This work
has required what the boys call
'nerve' - These groves that have
been worth thousands were
in this condition that made heroic
measure necessary or she
would suffer entire loss. They
could not be given away - To
try to put them in shape means
a great deal of money invested
with a doubt - as to the return.
It may be all loss, but she
has gone into it & courageously
pushes along. No one that I
meet shows so much

courage as she in regard to
the industry that has ~~been~~ in the
South. She is planting Cassava
with trees hoping to make the
working of the Cassava do for
trees & that the return from
cassava will will make up
for money put in work - & she
expressed she hopes "one hand
will wash the other".

Apr - 7. "Sixty-one yrs ago my mother
was buried" - Do you remember it dis-
tinctly - "Oh! Yes" -

Opening of the School -

Arrived in Mt. C. - May 8

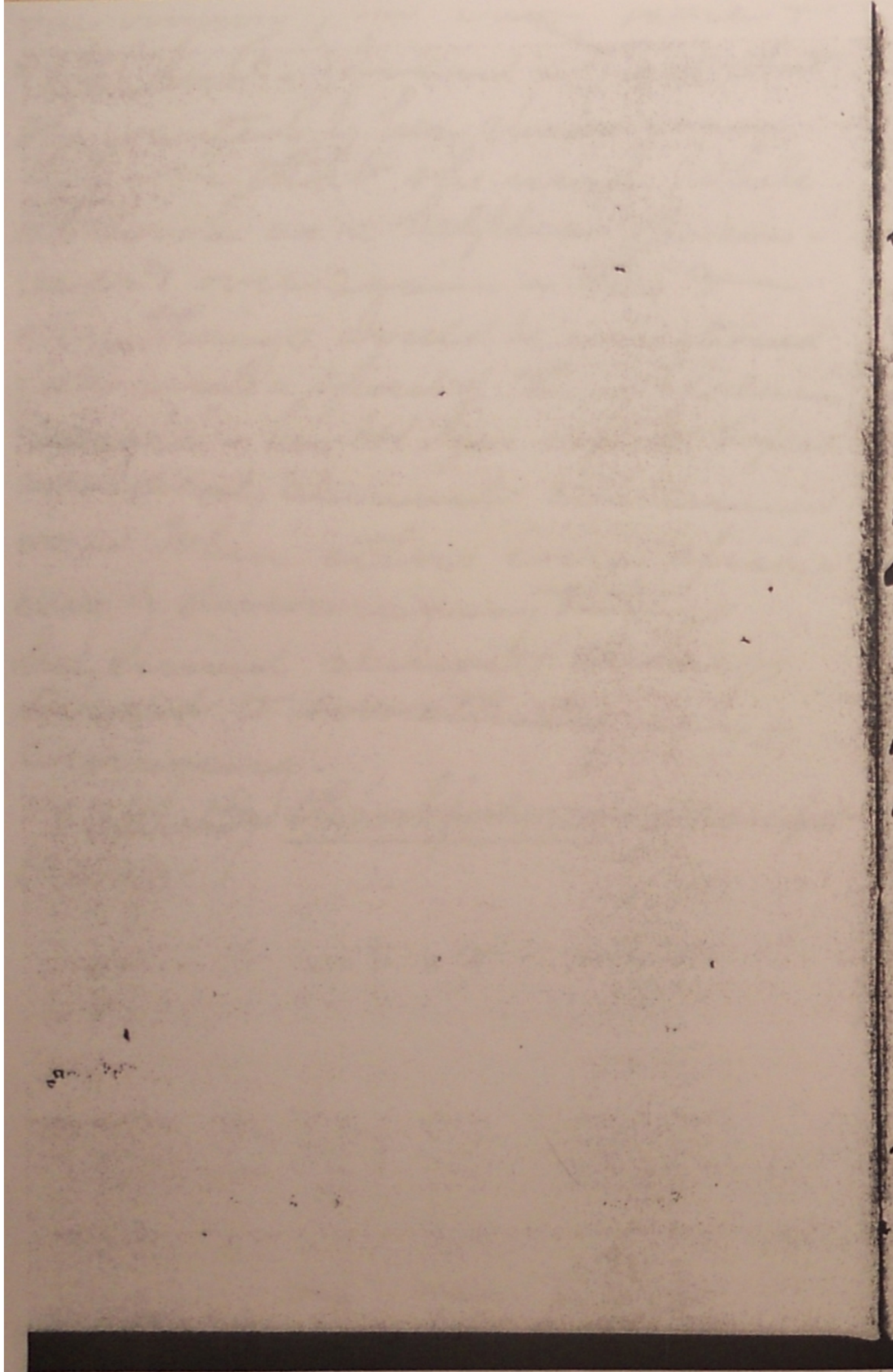
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Organized under the name of the Society - "First circular published by Board of Corporators before we were there" - School dates from that time. "Though we thus organized under the B., it was only for moral or social support - no financial support" except as pupils were furnished.

Conducted the school over a quarter of a year - Oct-'53 - went into the building the Corporators had put up during summer of '53 & organized really & practically under the charter, the B. assuming for the first the financial support in the conduct of the school, we Miss Gregory & self intervening work as salaried teachers for the municipal salary of \$200 per calendar year - Duties in vacation

as well as 44 wks of school -

Before the first yr - beginning Oct. 24/34
had half passed the B. begged us
to take the work off their hands. They
saw only ruin to the enterprise - In
Mar - 1855 - we took the work of their
hands by purchasing of the property
at the price the B. had contracted to
pay the contractor, J. J. Jefferies, for
erecting the one building, the size shown
of present dining room & stairway down
from Library Hall. This purchase
price was \$500 mostly on time @ 10%



Hopefulness of Spirit-

Never brooded over any trouble
but branched off and something
else - noticeable after the freeze when
in '98 she decided to restore groves
or rather to put to use land
despoiled. Lame, unable to
change position but little, but
she was studying horticulture -
studying everything she could
find that would have any
bearing on her groves - trying
to find something new for the
lands - no one who would
call to discuss orange culture
so full of hope as she. Mr. Connor
after calling told some one
down street she was worth
more than four of their business
men -

She took such a delight in
"conferences". Joy suggested

one saying / on ^{an} ^{other} ^{case} &
& she (Mrs. S.) found it - just what
she wanted by her chair for
papers & that she used while
at work as a helpless person.
Over & over again - this &
other things would be mentioned
with such a spirit of thankfulness
"Georgia" - her bel. for waste papers
was daily almost commented
on - When others were speak-
ing of discouraging things
her mind almost always
turned to something en-
couraging.

A spirit of thankfulness manifest
always.

Preparations for opening the
boarding department - after
the first brick building was put up.
She went back to her home in
Millon, N. Y. - & engaged women
& children to pick fruit for her.
She dried a great quantity &
among other things put dried
cherries in 12 gal - jars, packed
them with sugar. She had a
large quantity of bedding made
up. These were packed together
Comforters were wound round
these precious jars of fruit -
but alas, the juice seeped out
& stained these new quilts
thus used. There were pillows,
too, made from feather beds.
Some of those shared a like fate.
The next yr - she sent to N. Y. -
for dried apples & dried plums.
These careful housewives
whom she knew - carefully
prepared the fruit. There were

boxes of dried apples packed
very solid & one of flumes -
There was no fruit of any kind
to be had in this new country &
this dried fruit was a great-
blessing to them.

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Judge Wilson was P. M. in Mt. C. -
having a deputy do the work. He noticed
some papers addressed to the new
teachers that seemed to imply that
they might be abolitionists. The deputy
called the attention of Judge W. to it -
& he told them that it would be "just
as well not to antagonize people:
it would do no good." - It seems
there was much feeling there in those
days. When Mr. Allison prayed
for the oppressed a woman from
Maryland (I think it was Mrs. Dr. Rindell's
mother) rose & left the church: she was
not going "to listen to such stuff"

Aug-1100 - Mrs. S - referred to
their beginning. They had by 1860th
between them when settled in
Mt. C. - Began with eleven
pupils - Two to be supported!
to board - no salary except-
ing what they made - A yr &
half passed before the school
was on a different basis -
that is a Board & they on salary -
The Board, however, were glad
& sell to the school masters
later & let them "make the
ends meet"

At 74 - Lane - Limited in
strength - Ambitious for the
industry of Florida - Bought
^{just before this birthday}
"big packing house" hoping it
may be used for a cannery
just beginning a new pinery
interested in planting gingers
A lot of pecans set out for the
future - Experimenting with
orange oranges hoping to make
a "hog proof" fence to be the
joy of the poor man -

Rec'd lately (just before 74"
Birthday Aug 21/00) a request
from Dr. H. - to pay \$3000 or
\$2000 for the endowment!
A half of all - Modest Request.

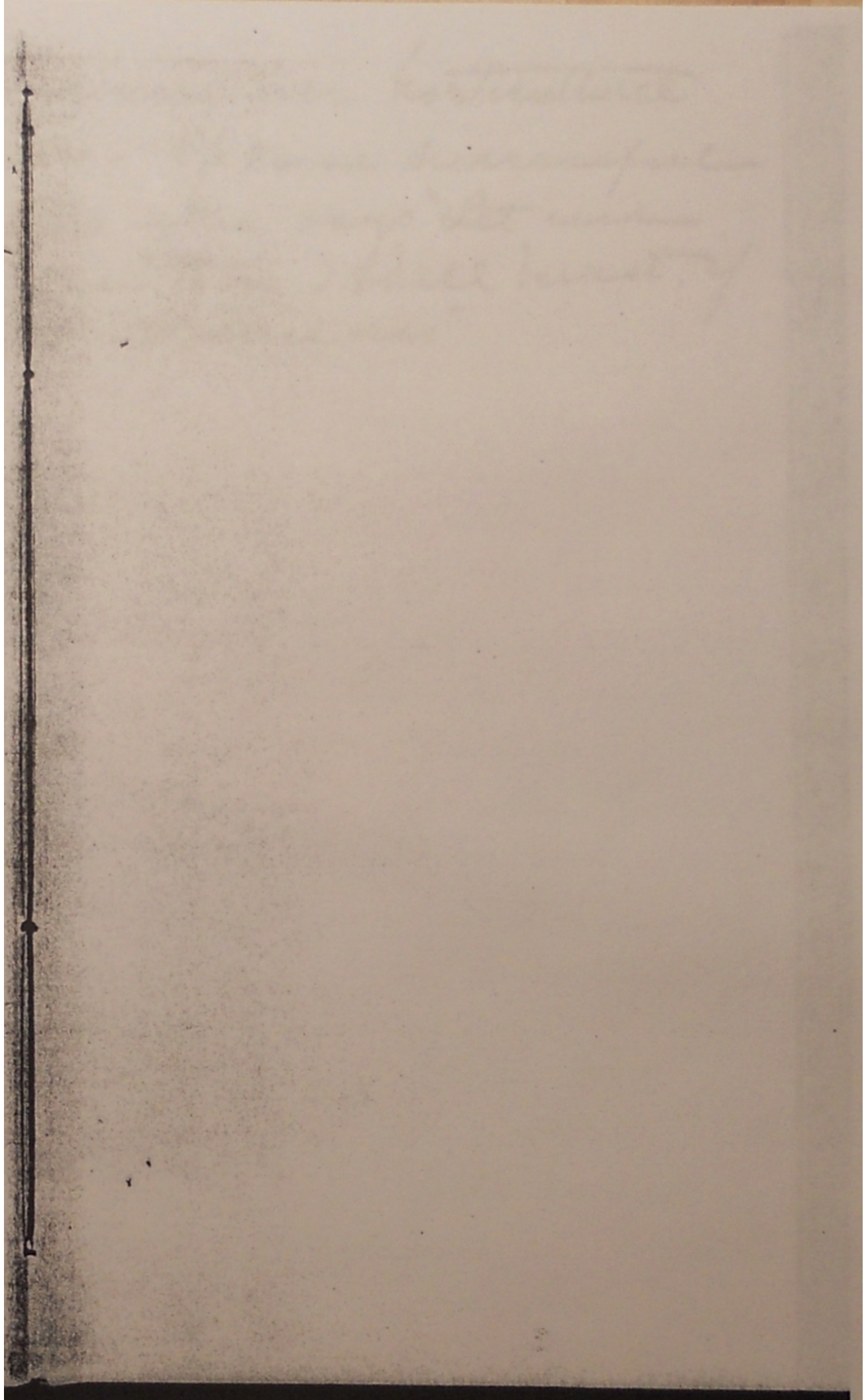
Rev. Artburn wants 100 a's of
land for his projects!

1841. 5 - May 1 - 1842 - 5/99 -
Opened in Pres. Ch. - there six who -
moved to store build - where the
Glen view now is - 3 stories high -
Considered unsafe ^{so high} account of
great winds in that section!
Glen view sec - Store - taught
till 1844. Miss Wood went east on
biz - Next yr - had boys school
floor above ^{Miss} ^{Ransom} - employed -
Prop from Country came in ^{Charles} Brock -
along there - Closed next yr -
both went east - Board put
up the first build - - sent
Love to them to spend for
furniture of house, school furniture,
books, pans, carpets, crockery,
apparatus -
Mr Arnold, old furniture dealer
of Palston, big friend, volunteered
to go with them to Albany N. Y -
through him an old Keach -
wholesale prices obtained on
all above - Bought a water
wind, wheel - for 175 - It

was considered a ~~marvel~~ ^{price} - The Board delighted with result of purchase - Bargained for dried fruit - No fruit I had in 1811: - Had 9 or 11 bbl's choice dried peaches, peeled - bbl - of dried plums Cost nearly 300⁰⁰

Peter Hensel & Wray & Co - much interested in their venture - attended to purchase of fruit - gratuitous of with great care - He learned of the condition of things on their new place & the following later sent roses, trees of various kinds - ^{amazing} choicest ever put on the grounds to Wipes Wood & Co - as a present - two boxes - It was a great gift, most highly prized, came too late to plant was stored through the winter - it heeled in in Mr. Ruwatts cellar as there was no cellar then at the Sem. - This was considered a great gift - Prof. Youmans made out list of apparatus for the new Sem.

One of our pupils, Charles Thomas
& Phil - volunteered when they were
buying to go to N. Y. - with them
to make purchase - He afterwards
went to Nt. C. as teacher or assist-
ant of Miss Wood -



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Enthusiasm over horticultural
pursuits - Of some successful
products she says "Let me
read you this I shall burst, if
I do not to some one"

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Religious Experiences

Mother most strictly devout
& most able woman eventually.

Mrs. J. - can not remember
the time she did not believe
in the truths of Christianity.

Used when a child read her
Bible with commentary -
pray - when no one knew
of it - A common Experience
when she entered upon the
work at W.C. - the responsibility
pressed upon her, she must have
divine help - Earnestly prayed
& without special experience
of conversion united with
the Church - Was 8. 3. Sept. for
a time -

In talk of July 1, 1900 - the
most serious of any yet had
between her & J. - She said
"You may not believe it but
there is not a waking hr -
in wh - I do not pray" -

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discussed - She expressed -
the feeling that she was thought
hard & indifferent - in regard
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